



## KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,  
their families, and  
the child care system  
that serves them

# Alabama

Total population: 4,447,100

U.S. Census 2000



**An average of 12,741 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund**  
(FY 2001 ACF-801 data)

**In Federal Fiscal Year 2004 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$2,025,558**

(FY 2004 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks,  
U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



**644 children served by 9 grantees are in Early Head Start**

(2003 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment)  
(EHSNRC Database—April 2004)

**45% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care**

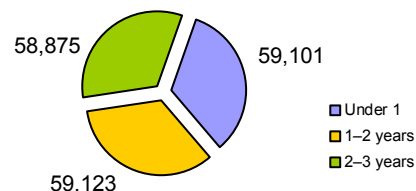
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



**2,157 children under 3 are served by the Early Intervention program**

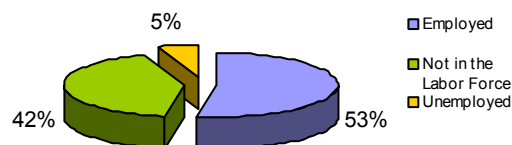
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs,  
Data Analysis System (DANS), Dec. 2002)

**177,099 Children Under 3 Live in Alabama**



U.S. Census 2000

**53% of Alabama Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force**



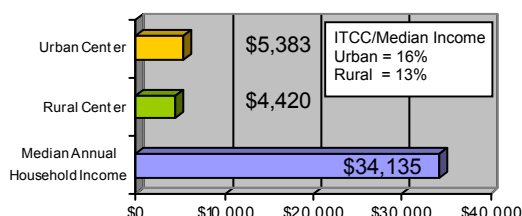
Current Population Survey, March 2001

## Professional Development of Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate*:	44 issued in 2002 27 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0–3:	No

\*Council on Professional Recognition

## Annual Cost of Infant/Toddler Child Care as a Percent of Median Income



Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003

**In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

1:5 for 0–18 months; 1:7 for 18 months to 2 years; 1:8 for 24 to 36 months

Effective March 1, 2005, the staff-to-child ratios will change to 1:4 for 0–12 months; 1:5 for 12–18 months; 1:6 for 18 months to 2 years; 1:7 for 24 to 36 months

(State Licensing Regulations)

**In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are**

1:6 (with no more than 4 children under 12 months and with a ratio of 1:2 for those children)

(State Licensing Regulations)

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